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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
OF NOVEMBER 19, 2002

In response to the Office Action of November 19, 2002, please amend independent claims 1 and 4 and add new dependent claims 7-13 to read as set forth below.

CLAIMS

In the Claims

1. (Amended) A device for clamping and ablating cardiac tissue comprising:
- a first handle member;
 - a second handle member;